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| Title | : | DEVICE FOR BINDING A BOOT |) | |
| | | TO A SPORTS APPARATUS |) | |

REPLY UNDER 37 CFR §1.111
TO THE OFFICE ACTION OF DECEMBER 17, 2004

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Sir:

In reply to the Office action dated December 17, 2004, for which a request for an extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136(a) is requested for one month, from March 17, 2005 to Monday, April 18, 2005, please enter the following amendment.

For reasons explained in the "Remarks" section, below, Applicants submit that they have placed the instant application in condition for allowance.

Accordingly, upon entry of the amendment, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.